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# H. R. 5425

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2002

Mr. TIAHRT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Resources

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “South Central Kansas  
5       Water Supply Preservation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF EQUUS BEDS AQUIFER RE-**  
2 **CHARGE PROJECT IN WICHITA, KANSAS.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—To demonstrate the feasibility  
4 of a full-scale groundwater recharge, storage, and recovery  
5 project, and to ensure a safe and adequate water supply  
6 for the residents of Sedgwick County, Kansas, the Sec-  
7 retary may participate with the City of Wichita, Kansas,  
8 in the construction and maintenance of facilities in Wich-  
9 ita, Kansas, to recharge the Equus Beds Aquifer.

10 (b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of  
11 the project authorized by this section shall not exceed 50  
12 percent of the total cost of the project.

13 (c) EQUUS BEDS AQUIFER DEFINED.—In this sec-  
14 tion the term “Equus Beds Aquifer” means the approxi-  
15 mately 1,400 square mile aquifer located in Sedgwick,  
16 Reno, Harvey, and McPherson Counties, Kansas.

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